

The Board of Supervisors

County Administration Building
651 Pine Street, Room 106
Martinez, California 94553

John Gioia, 1st District
Gayle B. Uilkema, 2nd District
Mary N. Piepho, 3rd District
Karen Mitchoff, 4th District
Federal D. Glover, 5th District

Contra Costa County



David Twa
Clerk of the Board
and
County Administrator
(925) 335-1900

January 10, 2012

The Honorable Don Nottoli
Chair
Delta Protection Commission
P.O. Box 530
Walnut Grove, CA 95690

Dear Chair Nottoli:

Contra Costa County fully supports the Delta Protection Commission's effort to establish the Delta National Heritage Area. Along with that support is a commitment of County staff time to participate in the technical advisory committee that will be created to help move the process forward.

The Delta Protection Commission has made considerable progress on this concept, most recently by performing the feasibility study that includes the details of the National Heritage Area (NHA).

As the County's representative on the Commission I have seen the work that has gone into this effort to date, and I look forward to the next steps in the process. I also appreciate the Commission's responsiveness to our earlier input on various aspects of the NHA. The current proposal addresses the issues we brought up in our previous Board letter on this subject. We believe the proposal will provide for a vibrant NHA that reflects regional and local history and culture.

Our staff will be available as needed to provide local input and assistance. If you or your staff have questions or need further information, please have your staff contact John Greitzer at (925) 335-1201.

Thanks for your efforts to move this important project forward.

Sincerely,

Mary N. Piepho
Chair

G:\Conservation\Water Agency\Delta Protection Commission\Nat'l Heritage Area Study\CC BOS support letter Jan 10 2012.doc

C: Members, Board of Supervisors

M. Machado, Executive Director, Delta Protection Commission

L. DeLaney, County Administrator's Office

J. Greitzer, Dept. of Conservation and Development

D. Brown, Coordinator, Delta Counties Coalition